

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1 **Claim 2 (currently amended):** An information
2 distributing apparatus comprising:
3 a reception unit for receiving information;
4 an information storage unit for storing said received
5 information;
6 a transmission unit for transmitting information
7 stored in said information storage unit to a designated
8 providing destination;
9 a reference information reception unit for receiving
10 reference information transmitted from said providing
11 destination;
12 a charge calculation unit for calculating a charge
13 amount corresponding to additional information provided
14 with said transmitted information and said received
15 reference information, where said charge amount is adjusted
16 if said additional information is recommended to another
17 person; and
18 a charge data storage unit for storing said charge
19 amount calculated by said charge calculation unit;
20 wherein said reference information is arbitrarily
21 generated when said providing destination refers to the
22 additional information provided with the information

23 transmitted to said designated providing destination and
24 where said reference information is not generated when the
25 providing destination does not refer to the additional
26 information.